

13 state. Claims for such refunds shall be made upon blanks furnished  
14 by the commissioner of insurance."

1 SEC. 2. This act, being deemed of immediate importance shall take  
2 effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Des Moines  
3 Register and Des Moines Capital, newspapers published in the city of  
4 Des Moines.

Approved April 19, A. D. 1923.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Register  
April 24, 1923, and the Des Moines Capital April 24, 1923.

W. C. RAMSAY, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 336

### STATE LANDS

H. F. 815

AN ACT to repeal the law as it appears in chapter two-B (2-B), title XIV, supplement to the code, 1913 and chapters one hundred sixty-five (165) and two hundred sixteen (216), acts of the thirty-seventh general assembly and all acts amendatory thereof, relating to the drainage of meandered lakes and to the sale of lake beds and to enact a substitute therefor and making an appropriation to pay any expenses incurred under the act.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. **Certain sales authorized.** The executive council may sell  
2 upon such terms and conditions as it may deem best any land that is  
3 the property of the state of Iowa lying within Keokuk lake, Odessa  
4 lake and Muscatine slough, East Swan lake, Ryan lake, Goose lake  
5 and Mud lake and any lands belonging to the state adjacent to any  
6 of said lakes not used by the state for park purposes. Before the  
7 sale of any of such lands, they shall be appraised by a commission of  
8 three disinterested freeholders of the state, appointed by the chief  
9 justice of the supreme court, who shall examine and appraise the  
10 land and return a report of such appraisement to the executive council.  
11 Such appraisals shall be advisory only and the council may sell  
12 any of the lands for such price as in their judgment may seem fair  
13 and reasonable.

1 SEC. 2. **Preference in sales—patents.** After the report of the appraisers has been filed, the executive council shall offer any of the  
2 lands in question for sale to abutting property owners and shall determine the length of time that such abutting property owners shall  
3 have in which to submit offers upon the land or parts of same. The  
4 executive council shall have the authority to reject any offers that  
5 may be made by abutting property owners and may then offer any or  
6 all of the lands for sale either at public auction or at private sale. If  
7 offered at public auction, the council may reject any or all bids made.  
8 Deeds or patents shall be executed by the governor in behalf of the  
9 state for any lands sold and shall have the seal of the state attached  
10 thereto.  
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1     **SEC. 3. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated out of any  
2 funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated sufficient to  
3 pay the expenses of the appraisal or sale of any of the lands em-  
4 braced in this act and all claims for expenses shall be audited by the  
5 board of audit and paid upon warrants issued by the auditor of state.

Approved April 20, A. D. 1923.

## CHAPTER 337

### SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

#### H. F. 828

AN ACT providing that the board of directors of independent and city or town school districts may in certain cases transfer any excess in the general fund to the school-house fund.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1     **SECTION 1.** The board of directors of any independent, city or town  
2 school district may, if on April 1, 1923, there appeared to have been  
3 an excess in the general fund of such school district over and above  
4 the requirements of such school district for the current year, transfer  
5 all or any part of such excess, not exceeding seven thousand dollars  
6 (\$7000.00), to the schoolhouse fund of such school district, provided  
7 that prior to such transfer, an application is filed with the district  
8 court of the county setting forth the facts and such transfer shall not  
9 be made until approval is entered of record in such court; provided  
10 further that notice of the application shall be given by publication in  
11 one newspaper of the county, having a general circulation in the school  
12 district, for two (2) weeks, the last publication to be not less than ten  
13 (10) days prior to the time set for hearing which may be either in  
14 term time or in vacation.

Approved April 20, A. D. 1923.

## CHAPTER 338

### CITIES AND TOWNS

#### H. F. 501

AN ACT to amend section eight hundred eighty-seven (887) of the code, (C. C. 4030) relating to a tax for the general fund of cities and towns.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1     **SECTION 1. Special levy authorized.** That section eight hundred  
2 eighty-seven (887) of the code, (C. C. 4030) be amended by adding  
3 thereto the following: "The council of each city or town is hereby